

RESOLUTION 2019-041 CODE OF REGULATIONS AMENDMENT: NOACA BOARD MEMBERSHIP BY POPULATION

**NOACA Board of Directors
September 13, 2019**

ACTION REQUESTED

Request that the Board of Directors adopt the following Resolution:

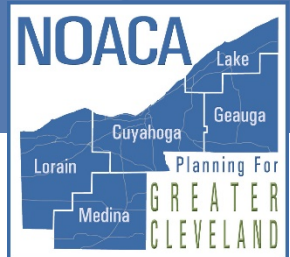
- Resolution 2019-041, which amends Article IV of the NOACA Code of Regulations with regard to Board of Directors membership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

- This action was recommended by the Governance Committee in August 2019

BACKGROUND

- At its May meeting, the Governance Committee discussed an inconsistency in the NOACA Code of Regulations.
- The Code of Regulations states that the region's citizens should be represented on the Board in a manner approximating equal representation by population.
- Due to a 2009 math error, the Code also provides a list of members by position or title that is inconsistent with the equal representation requirement.
- In addition, NOACA has a longstanding practice of having each county represented by a minimum of three Board members, but this was never formalized in the Code of Regulations



BACKGROUND

- The Board had previously approved an amendment to the Code of Regulations addressing these issues, but not all five counties ratified it.
- It was the consensus of the Board and Governance Committee not to pursue the matter further until the 2020 Census provided a more opportune time to resolve the issue.

BACKGROUND

The Governance Committee specifically recommended:

- Mandating a minimum of three Board members per county.
- Adding two Board seats, to be distributed according to the 2020 Census results, in order to correct the math error.
- Adopting a formula to appropriately adjust Board membership each decade according to Census data.
- Making these changes effective when results are released from the 2020 Census.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, staff will distribute this amendment to Section 4.2 of the Code of Regulations to the five counties for ratification prior to January 1, 2020.

ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2019-041, which amends Article IV of the NOACA Code of Regulations relative to Board of Directors membership.



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NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

